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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
Charles E. Friesner)
Serial No: 09/723,312) Art Unit: 3637
Filed: November 27, 2000) Examiner: Mr. Dennis Dorsey
For: STRUCTURAL MEMBER) Attorney Docket: 277.0017

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RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

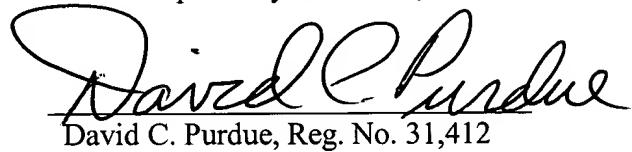
This communication is filed in response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121), which recites mailing on October 3, 2002. According to the Notice, a clean version of the replacement paragraphs/sections is required for compliance with Rule 1.121. A copy of the Notice is submitted with this response.

The Amendment, which is referred to in the Notice, is a nine-page document with which applicant submitted clean versions of the pages of the application that contained paragraphs/sections that were amended in the Amendment. For example, two sheets having page numbers 4 and 4a at the bottom constituted clean versions of the amendment that was called for on page 1 of the Amendment. Similarly, a sheet having page number 20a at the bottom constituted a clean version of the first amendment called for on page 2 of the Amendment. A sheet having page number 24 at the bottom constituted a clean version of the second amendment called for on page 2 of the Amendment. Two sheets having page numbers 44 and 44a at the bottom constituted a clean version of the third amendment called for on page 2 of the Amendment. Finally, four sheets having page numbers 47, 48, 48a and 49 at the bottom constituted a clean versions of the amended claims and substitute Abstract. Uncertain as to what should be submitted in response to the Notice, the undersigned spoke with Examiner Dorsey on November 1, 2002. Examiner Dorsey suggested that, in response to the Notice, the applicant should identify the clean versions of the replacement

paragraphs/sections that were submitted with the original Amendment. Having done so, it is respectfully requested that the Notice be withdrawn.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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